

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS :

1. An output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting data in a specific format, which is sent from the data processing device,  
5 driver software for controlling an output device being included in the data processing device, and comprising:

a first controller for determining whether data on output request passes the driver software, in sending data to the output device; and

10 a second controller for prohibiting data from being sent to output device for output request on which data bypasses the driver software.

2. An output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting data in a specific  
15 format, which is sent from the data processing device, driver software for controlling an output device being included in the data processing device, and comprising:

20 an encryptor for encrypting data passing the driver software, provided on the data processing device; and

a decryptor for decrypting data encrypted by the encryptor, provided on the output device.

25 3. An output system having a data processing device

and an output device for outputting data in a specific format, which is sent from the data processing device, driver software for controlling an output device being included in the data processing device, and comprising:

5           a prohibiting controller for prohibiting data output to the output device by setting a value which is different from an ordinary value for outputting data to the output device, in response to a data output request to the output device from the data processing device.

10           4.           An output system as described in claim 3, wherein said setting is a value stored to a specific register.

15           5.           An output method used in an output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting data in a specific format, which is sent from the data processing device, comprising:

20           determining whether data on output request passes driver software for controlling the output device, in sending data to the output device from the data processing device, said driver software incorporated in the data processing device; and

            prohibiting data from being sent to output device for the request on which data bypasses the driver software.

6. An output method used in an output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting data in a specific format, which is sent from the data processing device, comprising:

5 encrypting data passing the driver software included in the data processing device, on the data processing device side; and

decrypting the encrypted data, on the output device side.

10 7. A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program run on an output system having a data processing device and an output device for outputting in a specific format data sent from the data processing device, said program comprising steps of:

15 determining whether data on output request passes driver software for controlling the output device, in sending data to the output device from the data processing device, said driver software incorporated in the data processing device; and

20 prohibiting data from being sent to output device for the request on which data bypasses the driver software.

25 8. A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program run on a data processing device for sending data to

an output device for outputting in a specific format,  
comprising steps of:

encrypting an output data from an application  
program run on the data processing device, and

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outputting the encrypted data to the output  
device.

9. A computer-readable storage medium as described  
10 in claim 8, wherein the encrypting step sets a specific  
password for output data from the application program.

10. A computer-readable storage medium for storing an  
installer program for installing driver software for using  
15 the output device to a data processing device for  
outputting data to an output device for output in a  
specific format, said installer program comprising steps  
of:

installing the driver software to the data  
20 processing device; and

installing a program for prohibiting data on  
output request from being sent to the output device, for  
request on which data bypasses the driver software.